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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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FORESTS--South Kanara--Unreserves--Extraction of sleepers by Forest Department--Proposals approval requested.

Station:Madras. Bd's Ref.R.1646/55, Dated 9-5-1955.

FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY 12 MAY 1955 46370 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

From

Sri.V.N.Kudva.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Sri.P.Sivasankaran Pillai.,I.A.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Not read. Read:-From the Collector of South Kanara,Ref.C.No.A7. 24392/54,dated 14-2-1955.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board submits that under section 53(1)(a), of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, all unreserved forests in a village at the commencement of the Act shall vest in the Panchayat and be administered by it for their benefit of the villagers. In order to ensure that the Panchayats do not mismanage the unreserves, the Government have issued detailed instructions to all the Panchayats in their order No.91.L.A,dated 20-1-1955. According to instructions (2) contained in this G.O, the Panchayat should not cut and remove, or sell by auction, live trees in unreserves, without the previous sanction of the Collector. It therefore follows that the Panchayat can with the prior sanction of the Collector dispose of the live trees and credit the proceeds to its account.

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Not read.

3. With reference to the proposals now submitted by the Collector of South Kanara, the Board submits that if any of the unreserves fall within the jurisdiction of the Panchayat, the Forest Department has to move the Panchayat concerned for the grant of permission to extract sleepers and logs from the unreserves. The Panchayat in turn will have to move the Collector for sanction. If the Panchayat charges the Forest Department for the extraction of sleepers and logs, then the Collector may under Section 53(1)(b) of the M.V.P.Act direct the Panchayat to pay rent to the Government.

4. As regards the unreserves outside the Panchayat limits, the Collector may allow the sale of the timber to the Railway Department subject to the payment of seignorage at the prescribed rates.

for SECRETARY.

To

The Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department,Madras.
RAG/9-5-1955.

Agri (e.W) Deptt

Endorsement No. 46370-e.W/55- - dated

Referred to the C-e-F. for urgent remarks.

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To the C.e.F.
(with a copy of p 1 above).
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Agri. (E.IV) Dept

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Memo no. 46370 - E-IV/55-1 dt 19.5.55

Sub: Forests – S. Kanara – Unreserves – Extraction of sleepers by Forest Dept. – Proposals – Approval of

Ref: From the Bd of Rev. ~~E-1646/55~~ Ref. No. E.1646/55, dated 9.5.55.

The Board of Rev. is requested to furnish a copy of the Collector's letter referred to in its reference cited as it has either not been received with the Board's Reference or from the Collector direct

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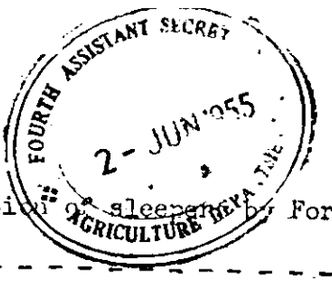

Subject:

FORESTS - South Kanara - Unreserves - Extraction of sleepers by Forest Department - Proposals - Approval of

Ref.No.E.1646/55-2 Madras-5 Dated the 30th May 1955

From: Sri V.N. Kudva, I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Sri P. Sivasankaran Nilliri, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue (IR)

Read: Government Memorandum No.405/C-C.IV/55-1, Agriculture Department, dated 19-5-1955

Reference.

The Board submits herewith a copy of South Kanara Collector's Ref.C.No.A7.24392/54, dated 14-2-1955 together with its enclosures.

for Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Madras-9 (with encls)

ARS.31/5/55

Copy of Ref.C.No.A7.24392/54 from the Collector of South Kanara dated 14-2-1955 addressed to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Madras through the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub: FORESTS - South Kanara - Unreserves - Extraction of sleepers by Department - Proposals- Approval Requested

Ref: From the District Forest Officer, South Kanara Ref.C.No.1404/54-C2, dated 2-10-1954.

I enclose a copy of the District Forest Officer's report cited, requesting approval for the extraction of sleepers from unreserves in Kudrady, Hebri and Shivapur villages of Karkal taluk and Neriya village of Belthangady taluk in this district by the Forest Department.

2. The trees marked for felling by the Forest Department are reported to be situated in non-kumki lands. In this District, the unreserved forests have not been handed over to the village Panchayat and they are still under the control of the Revenue Department.

3. The scheme of extracting sleepers from unreserves was sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle in his R.Dis.2103/51, dated 28-9-43 and Ref.T.1966/53 dated 11-9-53 in respect of South and North Kangalore Divisions respectively

4. I request that the proposals of the District Forest Officer, to extract sleepers from unreserves may be approved.

(True Copy)

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Copy of letter Ref.C.No.14047/1954-C2 dated 4-10-1954 from the District Forest Officer, South Kanara to the Collector of South Kanara.

Sub: Forests - Unreserves - Extraction of sleepers - Proposals

This Department has undertaken the supply of Railway track sleepers to the Southern Railways during 1954-55. During previous years sleepers and logs were extensively extracted by the Forest Department from the unreserves in South Kanara District. Accordingly marking and remarking of trees already marked in previous years, but not felled were done this year in the unreserves of Karkal and Belthangady taluks. The following are the figures of trees marked.

		No.	Vol. C. Ft.
Karkal taluk		~~2~~	57-
Unreserve land of	Karwa	2.	57
Mudrady Hebri and	Hopea	865	20923
Shivapur village	Banapu	3	96
		870	21076
Belthangady			
Unreserve lands	Karwa	139	4943
Meriya village	Xylia	71	1771
Kudumbdka locality	Banapu	321	17314
	Total	531	24028

There are still large number of trees remaining to be marked which can be extracted in future years.

2. It has since been observed that under section 53 of the Madras Village Pandhayats Act, 1950 all unreserved forests in villages at the commencement of Act should vest in the Panchayats concerned and such forests should be administered by the panchayats for the benefit of the villagers. The Government have however felt that the panchayats will not be in a position to manage the unreserves properly and have under consideration a proposal to divest the panchayats of the control over the unreserves when the Madras Village Panchayat Act, 1953 is amended next time. The amendment has not so far been effected.

3. There are 1270 sq.miles of unreserves in this District with little or no protection at all. Thefts of trees from the unreserves are rampant as the localities are more easily accessible than Reserves. During the course of enumeration of the trees in unreserves, the Forest Subordinates have detected a number of cases of illicit fellings in the unreserves and the papers have been forwarded to the concerned Tahsildars for disposal. By the extraction of sleepers of logs from unreserves the Government can easily realize a few lakhs of rupees which would otherwise be lost by thefts, fires and floods as there are no subordinates directly to protect these vast areas of Government unreserfes.

4. The matter was discussed with you on 30-9-54 and you agreed to move the Government and obtain their orders in the matter. As the matter is of urgent importance, I request that the Government may kindly be moved and their orders obtained in order to enable the Forest Department to extract the trees of Reserved and classified species from Unreserves for the supply of sleepers to Railways.

(True copy)

for Secretary 6.55

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Memo. no. ~~6~~ 46370 - e.IV/55-2 dy 8.6.55

Sub: Forests - South Kanara - Unreserves - Extraction of sleepers by Forest Deptt. - Proposals.

Ref: From the Bd. of Revenue, Ref. no. E. 1646/55, dated 9.5.55 and E. 1646/55-2, dated 30.5.55.

Copies of the references cited are communicated to the C.C.F. and he is requested to offer his remarks thereon urgently

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To the C.C.F. (with a copy of pp. 1 and 5-6 c.r.f).

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FOREST Department

From (Name)
Sri S.K. Bassu, I.F.S.,
Designation
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Station
Madras-5.

Received ——— Registered ———

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Madras.

Enclosures: No. C.P.Rt.1118/55 Dated 8-9-55. 195

Sir,

Sub: Forests--South Kanara--Unreserves--Extraction of sleepers by Forest Department--Proposals

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Ref: Government Memo No.46370/CIV/55-2 (Agr) dated 8-6-1955.

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I submit that the Conservator Ootacamund circle has since reported that after payment of seigniorage rates to the Panchayat or the Revenue Department at the existing rates, extraction of sleepers from unreserves will not be a profitable proposition. In the circumstances the proposal for the extraction of timber from the unreserves in South Kanara District for supply of sleepers may be dropped.

for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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Memo. No. 46370-e.IV/55. 6 of 4.10.55

Sub: Forests - South Kanara district Unreserves - Extraction of sleepers by Forest dept. - Proposal - Dropped.

Ref: From the Board of Rev., Ref. No. E. 1646/55, dated 9.5.55 and 30.5.55.

From the C.C.F., C.C.P.A.L. No. 1118/55, dated 8.9.55.

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The Govt. (accept the views of the CCF) consider/that the extraction of sleepers from unreserves after payment of

Seigniorage rates will not be a profitable proposition. They therefore direct that the proposals of the Collector and the D.F.O. of South Kanara forwarded in the Board's References cited, be dropped.

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To the Board of Revenue.

Issue in Secy's name

Copying to the C.C.F.

R.I. BRANCH

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C.no.46370/55

AGRI.C.IV.DEPT.

Sub: Forests--South Kanara District--Unreserves--Extraction of sleepers by Forest Department--Proposal.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue, Ref.E.1646/55, dt.9-5-55 and 30-5-55.

From the C.C.F., C.C.P. Rt.No.1118/55, dated 8-9-55.

p 1 cf
p 5 cf
p 9 cf

In its reference on page 5 c.f., the Board of Revenue has forwarded to Government a copy of South Kanara Collector's letter with a copy of South Kanara D.F.O's proposals for extraction of sleepers by the Forest Department from the unreserves within the Panchayat.

II on p.5 cf
III on p.6 cf

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2. In his reference dated 4-10-54 the D.F.O. South Kanara has reported to the Collector of South Kanara that there are a large No. of trees available in the unreserves of Karkal and Belthangady taluks and that he has marked a number of trees suitable for sleepers required by the Railways. He has pointed out that under Section 53 of the Madras Village Panchayat Act 1950, all unreserved forests in villages at the commencement of the Act should vest in the Panchayats concerned and such forests should be ~~adminis-tered~~ administered by the Panchayats for the benefit of the villagers, and as it is felt that the Panchayat will not be in a position to manage the unreserves properly, a proposal is under the consideration of Government ~~so as~~ to divest the panchayats of the control over unreserves when the Madras Village Panchayat Act is amended next time. He has also stated that thefts are rampant in the unreserves, and that the Forest Subordinates have detected a number of cases of illicit fellings in the unreserves during the course of enumeration of the trees and that he has reported the matter to the Tahsildars concerned for necessary action. He has also suggested that by the extraction of logs for sleepers

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from the unreserves, the Government can easily realise a few lakhs of rupees which would otherwise be lost by thefts and fires, as there are no subordinates directly in charge, to protect these vast areas of Government unreserves. He has therefore requested the Collector to move the Govt. for orders, in order to enable the Forest Department to extract the trees of reserved and ~~xxx~~ classified species from unreserves for the supply of sleepers to Railways.

para 3 on p.6 c.f

para 4 on p.6 c.f

3. The Collector of South Kanara has stated that the trees marked for felling by the Forest Dept., are reported to be situated in non-kumki lands and that the unreserved forests are still under the control of the Revenue Dept. He has also stated that the scheme of extracting sleepers from unreserves was sanctioned by the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle in Sept. 1953 in respect of North and ~~xxxx~~ South Mangalore Divisions, and has requested that the proposals of the D.F.O. to extract sleepers from unreserves, may be approved.

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'R' on p.5 c.f

4. The Board of Revenue has not made any specific recommendation on the proposal. It has stated that, if any of the unreserves fall within the jurisdiction of the Panchayat, the Forest Dept. has to move the Panchayat concerned for the grant of permission to extract sleepers and logs from the unreserves, and that the Panchayat in turn will have to move the Collector for sanction. He has also stated that the Collector can sanction the extraction of timber from the unreserves outside the Panchayat limit, on payment of seigniorage at prescribed rates.

para 3 on p.1 c.f

para 4 on p.1 c.f

5. The C.C.F. whose remarks were called for, has stated that the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle has since reported that, after payment of Seigniorage to the Panchayat or the Revenue Department at the existing rates, extraction

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of sleepers from unreserves will not be a profitable proposition and has suggested that the proposal may be dropped.

6. In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether in view of the fact that the proposals for the conversion of the trees from the unreserves into sleepers is not a profitable concern, the suggestion of the C.C.F. will be accepted and the proposals of the ~~XXXX~~ Collector and the D.F.O. of South Kanara dropped. For orders.

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Seigniorage rates will have to be paid if extraction of timber from Panchayat unreserves is to be taken up

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But in view of the C.C.F's report that ~~it~~ the extraction of ~~sleepers~~ for the timber will not be payment of Seigniorage rates a profitable proposition, the proposals may be dropped.

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DRS

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With reference to orders above, a draft memo. is submitted below for approval.

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Issued as Memo. No. 46370. C.10/55. 6, dated 4.10.55